

I am in full support of XM Satellite Radio providing XM Instant Traffic & Weather. When in a city XM currently operates XM Instant Traffic & Weather, particularly Washington, D.C., I am able to get immediate, up-to-date information.

With XM, I know exactly where to tune on the XM dial for instant updates whereas on the FM dial I don't know which station may carry the traffic and weather, especially when I am in a city I am not familiar with. On FM, I may spend a considerable amount of time listening to commercials or other programming which is of no interest to me only trying to find crucial information.

As a consumer XM provides me with what I want and that is why I support them with my money. If another group did the same but better than XM, they would find that I would probably support them, but currently no one is and those charged with that task previously seem to have failed.

I have the right to choose my sources of information and not just what is dictated by one, antiquated association. Traffic and weather is not a proprietary commodity and no one should hold the "rights" to disseminating information, Competition should not be put down in this way.

Please reject petition 04-160.

Thank you